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1. WE ARE SOMEWHAT PUZZLED AS TO WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, THE DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO TAKE WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF SOVIET FERROCHROME.

A) REF A, REFERRING TO STATE 104079 (A CABLE NOT SENT TO MOSCOW), ASKS ADDRESSES TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND INFORM THEM OF AN "EXTENSION" OF THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR INTERIM CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR IMPORTED FERROCHROMIUM AND CHROMIUM-BEARING STEEL MILL PRODUCTS. WE DID NOT RECEIVE THE REFTEL AND AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, HAVE NOT APPROACHED SOVIET AUTHORITIES ON THE SUBJECT.
B) REF B ASKS "ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES" TO CONTACT HOST GOVERNMENTS TO URGE THAT THEIR EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON BE INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT TREASURY'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTROL TO EXPEDITE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SPECIAL CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT. MOSCOW WAS AN INFO ADDRESSEE OF THIS MESSAGE, AND THE USSR IS NOT PRESENTLY A SUPPLIER OF FERROCHROMIUM AND SPECIALITY STEEL TO THE UNITED STATES.

C) IN REF D, WHICH REFERRED TO THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF WHAT CERTIFICATION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE ON SOVIET FERROCHROMIUM EXPORTS DESTINED FOR WESTERN EUROPE, WE REQUESTED

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AN EARLY EMBASSY APPROACH TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES ON THAT ISSUE. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT A RESPONSE TO THAT TELEGRAM IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON.

2. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING WE PALN TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THIS SUBJECT UNTIL OTHERWISE NOTIFIED. TOON

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